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Re Berlin

In response your request (URTEL 699) for Berlin contingency paper we pouched to you Feb 24 Department's G-397 to Bonn. I know you will appreciate special sensitivity this memorandum and will see that its contents are disseminated within delegation only on strictly need-to-know basis.

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You will note that taking Berlin issue to UN is envisaged as possible step after number of other steps not all of which may become necessary and some of which could, as result particular circumstances arising in future, be handled somewhat differently than now planned. Present uncertainties re exact Soviet intentions make it necessary that we maintain flexible attitude, especially on later stages contingency planning. If and when UN aspect seems to be coming to fore as actual rather than

potential

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potential consideration our planning for that step will become more detailed and precise. If our estimate of the UN situation at the time is such as to lead to the reasonable assumption that our purposes could not RPT not be achieved no doubt we would then decide against recourse to the GA. Meanwhile your views on problems and tactics involved in taking issue to UN as now envisaged in contingency planning are as always welcomed. (See next following telegram in reply to your 702.)

Re last paragraph reftel, one of principal purposes of Secretary's latest trip Europe, which was fully accomplished, was to brief Macmillan as well as leaders of French and German Govts fully on our attitude toward all contingencies likely arise in Berlin situation. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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